

I am writing to demand that the Federal Communications Commission take action regarding Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to require their stations to broadcast "Stolen Honor," a film created to impugn the career and reputation of Senator John Kerry.

This proposed broadcast, scheduled only a few days prior to the election, is an overtly political action on the part of Sinclair Broadcasting, and a violation of their legal responsibility to serve the public interest. It is one more example of the damage that the FCC has done to political discourse in this country through permitting continual media consolidation.

Sinclair is licensed to use airwaves that are the property of the public. It does so at no cost. And the laws governing that license obligate Sinclair to serve the public interest. Regardless of the letter of the law, Sinclair's actions are a blatant violation of the fundamental obligations they assumed when they received their licenses.

In meeting its responsibility to the American people, and to an American political process

that works, the FCC cannot be allowed to fail in its responsibility to address this matter, and take action to prevent Sinclair's outrageous violation of its responsibilities.